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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Dear Sir:

This paper is responsive to a restriction requirement issued in an Office action mailed from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on June 14, 2006, in relation to the above-identified application. Applicants believe no fee is due for consideration of this paper; however, if a fee is due, please consider this a conditional petition therefor and authorization to charge the required fee for this submission to Deposit Account No. 50-1721.

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